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relating to the rotation of said reel.

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34. (Amended) A cassette as claimed in claim 32, wherein said housing is
provided with an opening through which said markings are detectable.

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36. (Amended) A cassette as claimed in claim 32 in combination with a tape
printing apparatus as claimed in claim 17.

REMARKS

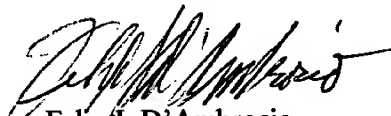
Receipt of the Office Action of August 1, 2001 is acknowledged.

It is noted that claims 1-30 and 32-43 are allowed, and that claim 31 is rejected
under 35 USC 102(b) by Weber.

To place this application in condition for allowance, claim 31 has been canceled
and claims 32, 34 and 36 amended to place claim 32 in independent form and to change the
dependency of claims 34 and 36 to claim 32.

This application should now be allowed with claims 1-30 and 32-43.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS 32, 34 & 36

32. (Amended) A cassette [as claimed in claim 31, wherein said tape is] for use in a printing apparatus comprising a housing in which a reel holding a supply of ink ribbon is arranged, said reel being rotatable with respect to said housing and having a plurality of markings thereon, said housing being arranged so that said markings are detectable by detecting means external to said cassette to provide information relating to the rotation of said reel.

34. (Amended) A cassette as claimed in claim [31] 32, wherein said housing is provided with an opening through which said markings are detectable.

36. (Amended) A cassette as claimed in claim [31] 32 in combination with a tape printing apparatus as claimed in claim 17.